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1. [redacted] at Odessa [redacted] There were many ships, Soviet as well as foreign merchantmen, loading and unloading paper, cement, machines, and Soviet automobiles which came from Nikolayev. The quays were covered with cargo of all sorts; especially conspicuous were the copper cables from which electric wires are made. [redacted] 5
2. A large passenger ship similar to the Pensilvania, a Rumanian ship, was being repaired in the floating dry dock. [redacted] could not see the name of the ship [redacted] 5
[redacted]
which now flies the Soviet flag and is used in regular service from Poti to Odessa. [redacted] also observed two or three Soviet tankers being repaired in the vicinity. 5
3. [redacted] the sea outside the harbor at Odessa [redacted] 5
had been cleared of mines.

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7.

[redacted] the port of Zhdanov seemed spread out and that the quays had many cranes on them. Coal and minerals were loaded and unloaded but the grain pier was so badly damaged that the grain elevator was not in use.

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8.

[redacted] noted was the Soviet merchantman Taganrog; [redacted] had gun platforms but no guns were actually mounted.

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9. Listed below are the prices of some of the commodities:

1 kilogram of caviar	110 rubles
$\frac{1}{2}$ liter of vodka	27.5 rubles
1 kilogram of black bread	1.5 rubles
1 kilogram of honey	3.5 rubles
10 plums	2 rubles
Small pkg. of tea	7.5 rubles

10.

[redacted] The port had been badly destroyed by one German air raid. There was one quay, 250 meters of which was utilized for loading coal. This part was equipped with two 15-ton electric cranes which ran on tracks. At another quay, where there were no installations, the passenger ships docked. Together the two quays were part of the only pier which was in working order. On the pier itself the coal was piled in a heap more than 30 meters high and it contained about 200,000 tons of coal. Ships of medium tonnage moored at the head of the pier.

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11. Near this pier there was a shipyard where [redacted] two Soviet ships of the Liberty type being repaired. Four or five 3-ton cranes were being used in the repairing.

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12. In the eastern part of the port there were other piers which had been entirely destroyed. They probably had been used for loading and unloading oil, because [redacted] some pipes, tanks, and other oil installations close by. These too had been destroyed.

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13. Between the destroyed pier and the oil installations there was a radiotelegraphy station.

14. A railroad spur connected the coal pier with the railroad station. [redacted] very heavy passenger traffic going through Tuapse, bound for the Black Sea coasts and the town of Poti. The passengers were mostly workers from Moscow and the interior who were going to spend their vacations. The trains were made up of modern passenger cars.

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15. Airplanes likewise were engaged in flying passengers to the vacation spots. The airfield was about 40 km from Tuapse in the direction of Novorossiysk. The Soviet planes resembled the American Dakotas and carried 28 passengers. They were observed every half hour, going to and from the airfield.

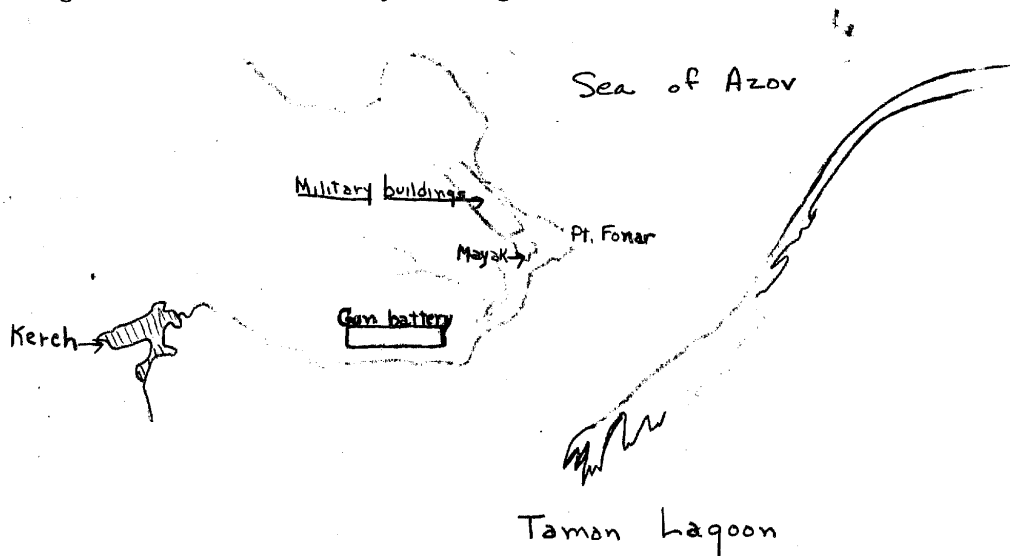
16. At Tuapse, [] no military installations or any military craft except the one which escorted the ship.

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20. Below is a sketch [] which shows the positions of gun batteries and military buildings on the Kerch Strait.



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